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HOUSE BILL NO. 2117

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 191.863, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the assistive technology advisory council.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 191.863, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 191.863, to read as follows:

191.863. 1. The council shall work in conjunction with the office of information technology to assure state compliance with the provisions of Section 508 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 regarding accessibility of information technology for individuals with disabilities.

2. When developing, procuring, maintaining or using information technology, **or when administering contracts or grants that include the procurement, development, or upgrading of information technology**, each state department or agency shall ensure, unless an undue burden would be imposed on the department or agency, that the information technology allows employees, program participants and members of the general public access to and use of information and data that is comparable to the access by individuals without disabilities.

3. To assure accessibility, the council and the office of information technology shall:

(1) Adopt accessibility standards to be used by each state department or agency in the procurement of information technology, and in the development and implementation of custom-designed information technology systems, Web sites and other emerging information technology systems;

(2) Establish and implement a review procedure to be used to evaluate the accessibility of custom-designed information technology systems proposed by a state department or agency prior to expenditure of state funds;

(3) Review and evaluate accessibility of information technology commonly purchased by state departments and agencies, and provide accessibility reports on such products to those

21 responsible for purchasing decisions;

22 (4) Provide training and technical assistance for state departments and agencies to assure
23 procurement of information technology that meets adopted accessibility standards;

24 (5) Involve individuals with disabilities in accessibility reviews of information
25 technology and in the delivery of training and technical assistance;

26 (6) Establish complaint procedures, consistent with Section 508 of the Workforce
27 Development Act of 1998 to be used by an individual with a disability who alleges that a state
28 department or agency fails to comply with the provisions of this section.